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adhesive includes (a) a plurality of hollow, polymeric acrylate, inherently tacky, infusible, solvent-insoluble, solvent dispersible, pressure sensitive microspheres that include at least about 85 parts by weight of at least one alkyl acrylate ester or alkyl methacrylate ester, up to about 15 parts by weight of at least one polar monomer, wherein a majority of the microspheres contain at least one interior void having a diameter at least about 10 % of the diameter of the hollow microspheres, and (b) polyacrylamide.--

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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5.(Amended) An adhesive coated article comprising a substrate with a first and second major surface and a layer of microsphere adhesive on at least a portion of the first major surface of the substrate, wherein the microsphere adhesive comprises (a) a plurality of polymeric, solid, elastomeric microspheres that are the reaction product of reactants comprising polymerizable starting materials comprising at least one C₄-C₁₄ alkyl (meth)acrylate ester monomers and at least one (meth)acrylamide comonomer with the proviso that the (meth)acrylamide comonomer has no dissociable proton having a K_d of greater than 10⁻³, (b) a polymeric stabilizer in an amount of about 0.1 to about 3 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the microspheres, said polymeric stabilizer being selected from the group consisting of carboxy modified polyacrylamides, polymeric quaternary amines, cellulosic, carboxy-modified celluloses and combinations thereof, and (c) a surfactant in an amount of no greater than about 5 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the microspheres.

Please cancel claim 6.

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7.(Amended) The adhesive coated article comprising a substrate with a first and second major surface and a layer of microsphere adhesive on at least a portion of the first major surface of the substrate, wherein the microsphere adhesive comprises (a) a plurality of polymeric, elastomeric microspheres wherein the microspheres are the reaction product of polymerizable, starting materials comprising at least one C₄-C₁₄ alkyl (meth)acrylate ester monomer and at least one (meth)acrylamide comonomer, (b) an